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SUBJ: STATUS REPORT ON NRT ACTIONS FOR PCB  
SPILL IN THE DUWAMISH WATERWAY

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THE NATIONAL RESPONSE TEAM MET ON OCTOBER 3, 1974 TO PRESENT  
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE THE FACTS ON THE SPILL INCIDENT WITH REGARD  
TO RESPONSIBILITY FOR REMOVAL AND MITIGATION ACTIONS. DOD WAS REQUESTED  
TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY AND PROVIDE THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR EFFECTIVE  
REMOVAL OF THE SPILL.

THE DOD REPRESENTATIVES DID NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO COMMIT  
RESOURCES TO THE PROBLEM AND INDICATED THAT THEY COULD ONLY RELAY  
THE MATTER TO HIGHER LEVELS.

IN AN EFFORT TO FACILITATE THE DOD IMPASSE, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR  
QUARLES INFORMED DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY CLEMENTS OF THE DOD BY LETTER  
ON OCTOBER 11, 1974 OF THE PERTINENT ISSUES AND REQUESTED HE TAKE  
ACTION TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY AND PROVIDE THE NECESSARY RESOURCES.  
TO DATE DOD HAS NOT REPLIED TO THE LETTER. HOWEVER, WE ARE OPTIMISTIC  
THAT DOD WILL REIMBURSE EPA FOR EXPENDITURES INCURRED.

IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY IN POLREP 10 ON ULTIMATE DISPOSAL OF  
BARRELED SLUDGE, THE FOLLOWING IS RECOMMENDED:

1. ADEQUATELY SECURE AND LABEL STORAGE AREA AND DRUMS IN USAF  
WAREHOUSE.
2. DETERMINE LOCATIONS OF APPROVED HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL  
SITES AND DEVELOP CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTABLE TRANSPORTATION  
AND DISPOSAL METHODS.
3. INFORM LOCAL DOD AUTHORITIES THAT DISPOSAL OF THE DRUMS IS  
CONSIDERED BY EPA TO BE A DOD RESPONSIBILITY WITH EPA AND  
STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES PROVIDING THE CRITERIA FOR  
DISPOSAL.

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